

House Resolution No. 4051

Whereas, Lou Leonatti has distinguished himself down through the years as a member of the Mexico law firm of Leonatti & Baker who received undergraduate and legal degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

Whereas, the most recent accomplishment of Lou Leonatti has been his selection to serve a three-year term on the Missouri Supreme Court's Committee on Civil Jury Instructions as one of ten lawyers appointed by the Supreme Court for that honor; and

Whereas, the Committee on Civil Jury Instructions is tasked with drafting written jury instructions to be used by the judge in informing the jury at the close of such civil cases as automobile collisions, medical negligence, and employment discrimination; and

Whereas, Lou Leonatti will be part of the expertise used by the Committee on Civil Jury Instructions to continue its tradition of standardizing jury instructions, a process which has resulted in the publishing of six editions of instructions, each one of which includes a note from the committee on how to use the instruction and the committee's comment on the court decision which led to the drafting of the instruction; and

Whereas, Lou Leonatti has practiced law in the Mexico area for twenty-nine years and has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for service as City Counselor, membership on the Executive Council of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, and election to the post of President of the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, an avid fisherman, Lou Leonatti is the beloved husband of Alice; loving father of Andy, Christie, and Daniel; and wonderful grandfather of Ethan, Payton, and Taylor:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Lou Leonatti to serve on the Missouri Supreme Court's Committee on Civil Jury Instructions and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Lou Leonatti of Mexico, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4051, adopted September 12, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker